

Shepherd and Wedderburn Rural Litigation

Our rural litigation team forms part of the wider rural property and business team and we work together in relation to all potentially contentious matters.

Our aim is to resolve any disputes without involving the court, and with the minimum amount of fuss. Where it is necessary to litigate, we have experience in the Lands Tribunal for Scotland, the Scottish Land Court, the Sheriff Court and the Court of Session, as well as in alternative methods of dispute resolution. Our wide array of expertise includes the following areas:



- Farming partnership disputes
- Grazing licence disputes
- Succession planning and disputes
- Subsidy appeals
- Agricultural tenancy disputes
- Occupier's Liability
- Health and safety

The Farm Shop

- Licensing
- Food safety/health and safety

Estate properties

- Property damage
- Debt recovery rent arrears and recovery of possession

Development land and Planning

- Breach of missives/contracts
- Discharge/variation of title conditions
- Ransom strips
- Statutory designations

Forestry

Felling licences

- Rent disputes/rent determination
- Right to buy
- Path orders/core paths
- Right to roam legislation/trespass
- Fly-tipping
- Land Reform
- Mineral rights/disputes
- Employment
- Contractual/supplier disputes
- Lease termination/lease disputes
- Short assured tenancy reform implications
- Planning application and appeals
- Permitted development
- Judicial review
- Waste management
- Extracting timber

They're excellent – without fault.

-Chambers and Partners



Property damage claims

Neighbouring properties

- Boundary disputes/encroachment
- High hedge disputes
- Nuisance

Crofting

- Resumption applications
- Rights of common grazing

Telecoms

Regulatory matters

The reservoir/water

- Fishing syndicates and disputes
- Environmental issues/water pollution/SEPA

Renewables

 Wind turbine development disputes

- Contractual disputes
- Title rectification
- Planning disputes
- Interpretation of title conditions
- Succession to crofting tenancies
- Crofter and Crofting Community right to buy
- Telecoms mast leasing and disputes
- Third party rights
- Fishing timeshares/salmon fishings
- Planning applications and appeals
- Hydro schemes

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